

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 663

By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ms. Gloria Ann McKnight.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the untimely death of Ms. Gloria McKnight; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKnight was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Nathaniel and Ora Lee Fletcher Greer of South Bend, Indiana, Ms. McKnight moved to Nashville in 1986 and became a highly respected member of the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Sociology from Indiana University and rendered impeccable service with the YWCA, Cumberland Hall, and the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKnight served with acumen and alacrity as a loyal state employee for 13 years, earning the respect of her peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, for two of the years that she was employed with the state, Ms. McKnight worked as an eligibility counselor for the Davidson County Department of Human Services in the Family Assistance Program before serving for eleven years as Juvenile Justice Specialist for the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure, Gloria McKnight provided outstanding technical assistance and advice to Juvenile Court judges and staff in Davidson County and throughout the entire eastern half of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKnight provided innovative guidance, encouragement, and assistance to community-based youth service agencies involved in delinquency prevention and youth empowerment programs and initiatives throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKnight was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; she was a mother, a grandmother, and a professional woman who was a genuinely committed advocate for children and families; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKnight was the proud mother of three daughters, Mrs. LaJune Scott, Lisa Marshall, Leslie McKnight and Lee Ann McKnight, all of whom she was very proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKnight was also the doting grandmother of Wesley, Javonnah, Jonathan, and Marissa, and leaves behind to cherish her memory her sisters, Lena McGee of South Bend, Indiana; Pat Greer of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Barbara Ann Motten of Benton Harbor, Michigan; in addition to her brothers, Clarence and Sonny Greer of South Bend, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Nathaniel and Ora Lee Greer, her sister, Grace Russell, and her brothers, Benjamin, Bob, and Jack Greer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKnight leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKnight selflessly contributed to the betterment of her community and to society through countless hours of service to Nashville youth programs, and was especially supportive and involved in the lives of young African American men and women through the "I Have a Future" program in the Preston Taylor Homes area of the city; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gloria McKnight was a wonderful colleague, a loyal and dependable state employee, and a very caring and committed citizen of this state, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ms. Gloria Ann McKnight, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family of Gloria McKnight.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.